



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Mastrianni et al.**

Serial No.: **09/865,243**

Filed: **May 25, 2001**

For: **Method and Apparatus for the Automatic Discovery of the Relationships Between Applications and their Associated Data and Configuration Files**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A two-month extension of time is believed to be necessary and a check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-3157.

In furtherance of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.